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The Town Meeting

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What proved to be an unusually well attended town meeting to consider the eighteen articles in a regularly posted Warrant was held at the Town Tall on Tuesday evening of Election Day. Every available seat was occupied and many were compelled to stand or sit in the gallery. Particular interest was in the subject of a shortened school day with early transportation home for the primary grades, and this was voted by the passing of the article with the appropriation of $172 from transferring funds from surplus revenue. Another article much discussed was the creation of a special committee to make a survey of conditions at Center School as regards facilities and comforts of the primary grades. A lot of folks had their say, ventilated their opinions and went afield with their remarks. There was much to be said on the matter which prompted the article but when the vote was taken by ballot 95 no and 47 yes decided the matter.

The following transfers were voted to be made from surplus revenue: To install auxiliary lighting systems at Alexander Hall and No. 4 schoolhouse, $250 for each installation; snow removal, $1,400; old age assistance, $5,000; aid to dependent children, $900; and to erect a six-foot chain link fence on iron posts set in cement on the south line of the Center School playground, $850.

The sum of $365 was voted from the machinery account to purchase a new sanding machine.

The selectmen were authorized to dispose of equipment no longer needed by the town and to appoint a trustee to the Martha W. Alexander Fund to take the place of the late Charles C. Stearns. Mrs. Ernest Parker was nominated for the appointment.

Selectmen were given authority to dispose of the old schoolhouse lot on Maple Street.

The following various sums of money were accepted for the care of cemetery lots: From Alice V. Watson, $150 for care of a lot in Mount Hermon Cemetery; from Albert S. Brigham estate, $100 for the care of two lots in Center Cemetery; from Cora Preston and Pitts Preston, $100 for care of the West Northfield Cemetery lot; $100 for the care of Pennock lot of Asa A. Holton, and a $500 trust fund for the care of the Cyrus Holton and other family lots in the Mount Hermon Cemetery.

At Norihfield Schools

Sunday, Novemberl 7, the guest speakers in Russell Sage Chapel and Mount Hermon Memorial Chapel will be the Rev. Truman Heminway of Shelburne, Vt., and Miss Mira B. Wilson. Miss Wilson will preach at Mount Hermon at the 10.30 A. M. service and Mr. Heminway will lead the morning worship service on the Northfield campus at 11 o'clock. In the afternoon Mr. Carlton W. L'Hommedieu, head of the Mount Hermon music department, and Mr. Albert R. Raymond, choral director of the schools, will be heard in a vesper recital in Sage Chapel at 4.30.

Dr. William E. Park will be guest speaker at vespers at Deerfield Academy on Sunday evening. Dr. Howard L. Rubendall will preach at the Emma Willard School and Williams College on the 17th and will take part in the Williams College Embassy on the 18th and 19th.

The dramatic clubs of both schools will present three one-act plays under the direction of Miss Genevieve Dennison, Miss Janet Jacobs and Mr. William Morrow. The plays will be given at Northfield on Friday, November 22, and a second performance will be held at Mt. Hermon on the 23rd. The plays include "Twelve Pound Look," by James Barrie; "Helena's Husband," by Philip Moeller, and "The Valiant," by Holworthy Hall and Robert Middlemass.

Report Town Nurse

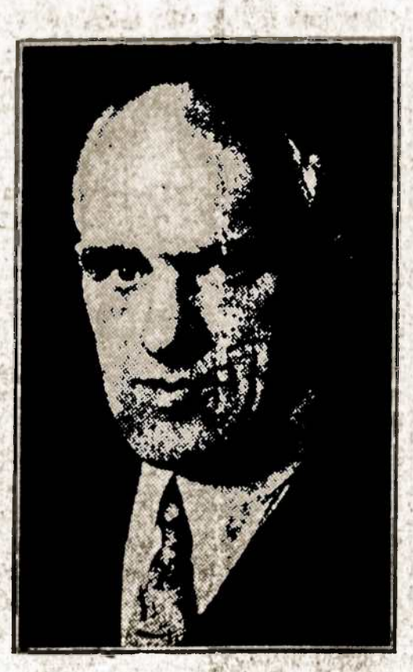
Our public health nurse for both schools and town, Miss Gowen, makes the following report for October: Total number of visits, 124; chronic, 81; acute, 10; infant health supervision, 10; adult health supervision, 7; preschool health supervision, 2; school health supervision, 12; social service, 2; transportation, 12, and a talk to the School for Girls welfare group.

The nurse announces that the first of three diphtheria clinics will be given on Monday, November 18, in Alexander Hall. Parents who desire to bring their children should contact Miss Gowen.

Car Insurance More

On Tuesday, November 19, there will be a hearing by the Department of Banking and Insurance on the proposed schedule of rates for compulsory insurance, in Boston. The proposed classification again places Northfield in the 16th territory to enjoy the lowest charges but the rate will probably be about a dollar more than last year. For private passenger cars the rae is expected to be $16.20. Chelsea is in Territory 1 and is given a figure of $59.40. The rates for motorcycles, trucks and other commercial vehicles are included in the schedule.

Mr. Stickney Passes



Clarence L. Stickney of Brattleboro, of the Vermont People National Bank, died suddenly Monday, October 28, while at supper after a day of routine duties. He died as he had lived, in the midst of activities and in unselfish service. He was well known in Northfield by its residents, many of whom for years had depended upon him for financial advice and assistance. Even before his passing by a few hours on the same day he had been in consultation with East Northfield folk over financial affairs. He was highly respected and honored by all and his memory will not be easily forgotten.

For Smith College

Plans were made recently for active participation in the Smith College 75th anniversary fund by a group consisting of alumnae of the college, parents of girls attending Smith and former faculty members of the college now resident here, at a meeting held at the home of Miss Mira B. Wilson, principal of the Northfield School for Girls and who is a trustee of Smith College. In the group were representatives from Northfield, East Northfield, Mount Hermon and Gill. Miss Lucy Titcomb is chairman of the local committee and Mrs. M. D. Birdsall is vice-chairman. Smith College Alumnae are hoping to secure $4,300,000 by June, 1947, to celebrate the 75th anniversary, the fund to be used to raise faculty salaries, to enlarge scholarship opportunities and to make necessary building improvements.

Obituary

MOODY, Jessie Holmes, beloved wife of Henry L. Moody, of 185 Schenck Ave., Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y., died on Thursday, November 7. Funeral services were at the Fairfield Chapel in Manhasset, Long Island, N. Y., on Saturday, November 9.

School Schedule

The Northfield School Committee, at its meeting Thursday, November 7, 1946, voted unanimously to release first grade pupils, starting Tuesday, November 12, at 1.30 P. M. The buses will leave just as soon thereafter as the pupils are able to get ready.

The schedule of the first grade activities will be rearranged shortening the noon recess 15 minutes and omitting the afternoon recess completely.

The committee voted that the six days lost due to the closing of schools in September because of polio in town will be made up as follows:

Saturday, November 23, the high school only will be in session until 1.30 P. M.

December 30, 31 and January 2, 3, all schools in session.

All schools also will remain in session on Good Friday, April 4.

Miss Elizabeth Braley was the speaker on "India" at the meeting of the evening auxiliary of the Congregational Church at the home of Mrs. Roy Barrows Friday evening, the 8th.

The Armistice Dance

The Armistice Day dance held the evening of Monday, the 11th, by a committee of Haven H. Spencer Post of the American Legion, the proceeds of which were to be given to the senior class of the high school for their Washington trip fund, was much enjoyed by all who attended. The young folks were given a most enjoyable evening at the Town Hall to music which enlivens. However, since the venture was not profitable there is regret but the committee desires to thank those citizens who assisted and lent their cooperation, especially to the four members of the senior class which represented the school's exclusive support.

At Christmas Fair

From 2 to 6 P. M. on Saturday, December 7, there will be a Christmas Fair at Green Pastures, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Powell. Christmas wreaths, wrappings, cards, candles and decorations and all kinds of fancy work and toilet articles will be on sale. Calendars, knitted garments, bittersweet, plants and children's gifts will be among the objects on display.

Tea, cocoa, cup cakes and sandwiches will be served by the Trinitarian Congregational Women's Missionary Society.

The proceeds of this Christmas Fair will be devoted to the new church fund.

Study Local History

Pupils of the fifth grade of our school recently enjoyed a diversion from their regular routine when under the leadership of their teacher, Mrs. Willis Parker, they visited the museum of the Historical Society and observed the many historical articles which left a keen impression on their minds and an eagerness to learn more of the community in which they live and have their being. The result of the visit is an incentive to more earnest study and to increase their knowledge of past and present activities. The teacher is to be congratulated for her endeavor in stimulating interest in human affairs.

Mrs. Ambert G. Moody has been on a visit with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Loos, at Princeton, N. J.

Town Topics

The Fortnightly meeting of Friday, November 15, will be held at Alexander Hall at 3 o'clock when there will be a talk on "Today's Children." The next meeting will be Friday, December 6, at Alexander Hall with a program at 8 o'clock for "Gentleman's night."

Rev. Lester P. White has begun his duties as director of the Alumni Association at Mount Hermon School.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Stevens and their son, Charles, have returned from a visit with her parents at Morristown, N. J.

Archer Davis of the popular Pickys Grill gave a party to a group of children on Hallowe'en afternoon who were his guests. They were finely entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Rikert have returned from a motor trip through Maine during which enroute they visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ripley, former residents of this town, now located at Topsfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Miller recently enjoyed a motor journey to Maine and visited friends there.

The Christmas vacation of the Northfield School for Girls will begin December 18 and that of Mount Hermon School December 19. Christmas vesper service will be Sunday, December 15.

The brotherhood of the Congregational Church will hold its supper and gathering on Monday evening. November 18. It will be ladies' night with a most interesting program.

The local Garden Club held its November meeting on the evening of the 4th at Alexander Hall with President Irving J. Lawrence presiding. There was a goodly attendance and several new members were added to the rolls. A short forum brought out information useful to gardeners and afterward Mrs. Joseph R. Colton told the story of corn in a well prepared talk. Mrs. Norma Nims of this town, a member of the Deerfield Valley Art Association, gave a showing of her pastels, in beautiful colors of various flowers, fruits and birds. Such pastels form the basis of desnig work. Surely Mrs. Nims is an artist of rare ability.

At a meeting of town officials at Amherst to protest the elimination of certain trains on the Central Vermont Railroad recently Selectmen George W. Carr and Ernest A. Parker represented the town of Northfield. An official hearing was held in Boston Wednesday, November 6, with this town again represented. The result of the hearing will soon be announced.

Miss Ruth McEwan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McEwan, is in Oklahoma taking a study in aviation.

An article on an old-time resident of South Vernon appears in the November 9 issue of The Saturday Evening Post. It is entitled "Grandpa Was Quite a Fellow," and is the story of the late Leroy L. Bond as told by his grandson, Walter Needham, of Guilford, Vt.

The marriage of Miss Madeline Smead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Smead, of Vernon, to Winthrop James, son of Mrs. Alice James, of Brattleboro, formerly of Northfield, will take place November 23 at 2 P. M. at All Souls Church, Brattleboro. Rev. Kenneth Hutchinson will perform the ceremony.

Ferris Grange Master

At a meeting of the local Grange held Tueday evening, November 12, Lawrence Ferris was chosen master. Other officers are: Bernard Whitney, overseer; Marion Allen, lecturer; Arthur Pietz, steward; Richard Whitney, assistant steward; Bertha Rikert, chaplain; Carroll H. Miller, treasurer; Dorothy N. Whitney, secretary; John Jurkowski, gatekeeper; Inez Hutchinson, Ceres; Ona Upham, Pomona; Dorothy Allen, Flora; Vera Allen, lady assistant steward; Emory Rikert, executive committee for three years; Pearl Allen, assistant lecturer; Clara Hale, pianist.

Mrs. Dorothy Whitney gave a report on the annual meeting of the State Grange in Boston, which she and Mr. Whitney attended as delegates from the local Grange.

Announcements were made of a public card party November 19 and a neighbors' night meeting November 26.

Health Council

At a meeting of the Health Council, with Mrs. George W. Carr presiding, at Center School on Tuesday afternoon, full cooperation with the district nurse was assured in the matter of children's dental work and the diphtheria clinic.

Miss Gowen reported on her work and various phases of it were discussed. A nominating committee was appointed to report at the next meeting. They are Mrs. Lopis Van Phelan, Mrs. Wayne B. Wells and Mrs. Carroll H. Miller.

Miss Eleanor Davis, head of the history department at the School for Girls, was recently elected chairman of the Committee on Economic and Legal Status of Women of the A. U. W.

Mrs. R. H. Towner has left Vernon after a stay at her home of several weeks to join her family at their residence in California. She was greeted by many friends while here.

Mr. and Mrs. John V. McNeil have returned to their home on Maple Street after spending several weeks at their summer place on Mount Desert Island, Maine.

Mrs. Osman L. Haven, of Hopkinton, Mass., formerly of Northfield, announces the marriage of her daughter, Eveline, to John A. Sullivan, of Natick, on November 9. The bride is a graduate of Northfield High School and N. E. Peabody Hospital for Children, Newton Square.

Mr. Sullivan, recently discharged from the U. S. Army Air Force, is with the Henley-Kimball Company, Boston.

The State Farm Bureau Federation met in annual session at Worcester, November 14 and delegates were in attendance from Northfield representing the county of Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Van Phelan of Main Street attended the Harvard-Dartmouth football game at Hanover on Saturday, the 9th.

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be in Alexander Hall, Monday evening, December 2, with a Christmas party program.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Merritt of South Vernon at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital Tuesday, November 5.

Town Topics

Quite a number of our citizens went to Amherst at the showing of the State College horticultural display November 1, 2, 3.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hans M. Zachmann of this town at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, October 30, grandson to Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller, of Northfield, and Mr. and Mrs. William Zachmann, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, and great-grandson to Luckey O. Clapp and Mrs. Lloyd L. Miller, of Northfield.

Robert Johnson, T-5, is at his home on Parker Ave. He has received his discharge from army service at Fort McClellan, Alabama.

The Grange served a New England boiled dinner at the hall on Thursday evening, November 7, and enjoyed a large patronage.

The chicken pie supper served by the Ladies' Benevolent Society at the Farms recently attracted a good patronage and with the fair for the sale of fancy articles netted the sum of $120. Mrs. Fred Clough won the quilt which was offered.

The young people's society, formerly the Christian Endeavor Society of the Congregational Church will hereafter be known as the Pilgrim Fellowship, a branch of the general organization.

James Spaulding and Robert Miller are enrolled as students of Massachusetts State College studying at Fort Devens.

Mrs. Allen H. Wright, a former president of the Fortnightly, has been named as the fifteenth district chairman of literature and drama of the State Federation of Women's Clubs and recently attended a meeting of all district chairmen in Boston.

Rolla A. Barnes, a graduate of Mount Hermon School and a former resident of here is now an executive director of the Community Chest organization. He was formerly director of aid and relief in the State Department of Public Assistance.

Mrs. Eva Findlay, who is director of the Center School lunchroom reports that more lunches are now being served than at any time for the past five years. The total for the past month is 6,087 full meals and 5,796 bottles of milk. About 93 per cent of the students benefit from this Federal aid project.

A campaign to aid the community chest in South Vernon is now under way and the quota which is being sought is $650.

Ernest W. Dunklee has been elected as treasurer of the Vernon Home in South Vernon to succeed his father, A. A. Dunklee, who has served in that capacity for many years. Mrs. F. H. Leavitt and Rev. Alice Bennett have been added to the directorate. Improvements are rapidly going forward at the home.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Holton of Warwick Ave. on Thursday, November 7, at the Franklin County Hospital, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney P. Tyler of this town and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Holton of West Northfield, and great-grandson of Mrs. Annie Scott and of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Tyler, all of Northfield.

BEULAH U. CLIFFORD

Elected Clerk of Courts at the election.

CHARLES FAIRHURST

Won in the election for District Attorney.

SAMUEL V. STREETER

Without opposition was chosen as County Commissioner at the election.

RALPH C. MAHAR

Will again go to the State Senate as a result of the election.

Legal Notice

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
NORTHFIELD

Office of the Collector of Taxes

NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

TO THE OWNERS OF THE hereinafter described land and to all others concerned you are hereby notified that on Monday, the 2nd day of December, 1946, at 1 o'clock P. M., at Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the Town of Northfield the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

List of Parcels to be Taken

Edna M. Doolittle:

A certain tract of land containing 8 acres, more or less, and located in Pratt Hollow, so called, bounded north by land now or formerly of Ebenezer Janes, East and South on land owned now or formerly by Henophon Field and West on land now or formerly owned by Oliver Field as described in Book 87, Page 125. Deed to the above Edna M. Doolittle is recorded at Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 542, Page 294.

Taxes for the year 1945—$3.50

Mrs. Esther Geldert:

A certain tract of land known as Lot No. 48 of Rustic Ridge Tract No. 2 according to a plan made from survey of William F. Nichols and B. P. Dwight recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 1, Page 180. Deed to the above Esther Geldert recorded at Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 529, Page 95.

Taxes for the year 1945—$1.75

William Pigott. Heirs, Oscar Bowman Ritch, Leona Cunningham, Henry Piggott, Marie Lynch:

1st Tract—

A certain tract of land containing about 6½ acres, more or less, with buildings thereon, situated west of Central Vermont Railroad in Northfield and described in deed to Michael Pigott May 16, 1854, recorded in Book 186, Page 215, and also Book 209, Page 54, Franklin County Registry of Deeds.

2nd Tract—

A certain tract of land in Northfield containing ½ acre, more or less, situated in the Meadow, so called, which was conveyed to Michael Pigott June 8, 1905, and recorded in Book 516, Page 51. Deed to the above William Pigott recorded at Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 828, Page 54.

Taxes for the year 1944—$19.60
Taxes for the year 1945— 19.60

William Pigott:

1st Tract—

A certain tract of land known as the Cooper Cave Lot, being the second tract described in a deed from Ira D. Sankey to Newton W. Keet dated Sept. 24 1898, and recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 468, Page 57, containing 68 rods, more or less, together with all the water rights and all other rights whatsoever and subject to all the restrictions mentioned in a deed from Michael Pigott dated Aug. 3, 1886, and recorded in Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 388, Page 80. Deed to the above William Pigott recorded at Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 696, Page 222.

2nd Tract—

A certain tract of land known as the Proctor Lot, situated in Great Meadow, so called, containing 3 acres, more or less, beginning at the northeast corner at the south side of Minot's Road, so called, on the east side of a ditch, thence running southerly on the east side of said ditch by land now or formerly of Michael Pigott to land now or formerly of Charles Osgood, thence westerly across said ditch by said Osgood land to the Meadow Road, thence northerly along said Meadow Road to the said Minot Road, then easterly along said Minot Road to the place of beginning. Recorded at Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 631, Page 173.

3rd Tract—

A certain tract of land also known as Proctor Lot, containing 2½ acres, more or less, being the same conveyed to Fred L. Proctor by Henry W. Bardwell and fully described in deed of June 17, 1911, and recorded in Vol. 567, Page 400. Deed to above William Pigott also recorded at Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 631, Page 173.

Taxes for the year 1944—$4.38
Taxes for the year 1945— 4.38

Lawrence Quinlan, James Quinlan, David Quinlan, Helen O'Leary, Katherine B. Campbell:

1st Tract, known as Mattoon Lot—

A certain tract of land containing 30 acres, more or less, and described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of said lot on the old road leading from Northfield to Warwick and following said road to pasture now or formerly of C. H. Green's, thence southerly on said Green's pasture to Mill Brook, thence westerly on said brook to a point in the Murdock Saw Mill Pond, so called, thence northerly on pasture now or formerly of C. H. Webster to place of beginning as described at Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 452, Page 73. April 21. 1896.

2nd Tract—

A certain tract of land known as the Worden Lot, containing 50 acres, more or less and fully described in deed of Minnie E. Worden to Thomas Quinlan and recorded at Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 489, Page 62.

3rd Tract—

A certain tract of land known as Quarry Lot, conveyed to Lorenzo P., and Charles S. Munn to M. N. F. Marshall by deed recorded at Franklin County Registry, Book 383, Page 322, dated Sept. 14, 1885, subject to all rights, reservations and exceptions referred to in said deed.

4th Tract—

A certain tract of land also known as the Quarry Lot, being the same land conveyed to H. N. F. Marshall by deed from Joel L. Bassett dated March 24, 1885, recorded in Book 380, Folio 265. For further reference see deed from Henry Foster Marshall dated Dec. 16, 1891, recorded Book 440, Folio 262, also deed from Franklin Pitts Marshall dated Feb. 5, 1892, recorded Book 440, Folio 263, also deed of Charles Burr Marshall dated Dec. 6, 1893, recorded Book 440, Folio 264, to Henry N. F. Marshall, also deed of Henry N. F. Marshall, guardian to Franklin P. Marshall, dated Dec. 1, 1896, and all recorded at Franklin County Registry of Deeds.

Deed of October 14, 1897, with any agreements recorded at Franklin County Registry of Deeds, Book 458, Page 188.

Taxes for the year 1944—$31.68
Taxes for the year 1945— 31.68

CHARLES F. SLATE,
Collector of Taxes.
for Northfield, Mass.
November 15, 1946,